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Third Quarterly Meeting 2014

When: Thursday 21 August 2014

Guest Speaker: John Larkindale, ex-New Zealand Ambassador to Australia

Topic: **Australia and New Zealand – Two countries, One system?** Despite our (relative) geographic closeness and a number of historical parallels, New Zealand's links with Australia were relatively weak until the last quarter of the 20th century. This talk will touch on some of these early links and will then explore what changed and why. It goes on to paint a picture of the relationship today, and seeks to pose some questions as to where Australia and New Zealand might be converging - and where not.

Where: St Mary's Church

Cnr Discovery Drive - Whitby Shopping Centre

(Drive to the Whitby shopping Centre. As you go up the drive to it, turn left away from the shops. St Mary's Hall is on the left nearest to the road).

Time: Doors Open 1.15 pm for meeting commencing 1.30 pm

Please contribute \$2:00 Koha for hall hire, tea and coffee

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Thursday 14th August . Join other U3A Members for mid-day lunch at The Film Archive, 88 Taranaki Street, Wellington, to view the first of the television series, *The Governor*. **The Governor** was a 1977 New Zealand docudrama television miniseries on Sir George Grey, co-produced by TV One and the National Film Unit, with Grey played by English actor Corin Redgrave. There are six parts. Never seen again on television. Call Brian 233-0709

Seminar: Sunday 28 September

Roger Gardener who organised the 100 year re-enactment of three model T cars through the King country in November 2012, will talk about this commemorative journey as well as some of the things we take for granted today when travelling. He is a New Zealand motor historian who has worked for the Colonial Motor Company since 1960. **This seminar will be held in the Porirua Club, Lodge Place, Porirua from 4 - 5.30 pm** and a meal will be available afterwards for those who wish to partake.

From the President (Patsy Williamson)



Greetings everyone.

On these cold miserable winter days it is good to have interest groups to go out to where we find friendship, entertainment and education.

All the groups are going well. There's such a lot offering, from old movies at Brian's to beauty make overs at Whitirea for the Outside the Square Group. The technology group has a lot of clues from safe guarding cell phones to internet shopping. Some of us are becoming more fluent in French and bridge skills are improving all the time.

You can join a group at any time. They are listed on our website www.u3amana.org.nz or in the February newsletter. Several members enjoyed the history seminar recently.

Our next quarterly meeting will be the AGM on 20 November.

Some of the committee have completed their three year office terms so there will be changes. If you would like to join the committee please let a committee member know.

See you on August 21 at the quarterly meeting.

Notices

Wellington U3A lectures are now held at the Paramount Theatre in Courtenay Place, commencing at 10.30 am. Members of any U3A have reciprocal rights to attend any other U3A. To view Wellington's programme visit www.u3awellingtoncity.org.nz

How good is your English and your Spell Checker?

Candidate for a Pullet Surprise by Mark Eckman and Jerrold H. Zar

I have a spelling checker,
It came with my PC.
It plane lee marks four my revue
Miss steaks aye can knot sea.
Eye ran this poem threw it,
Your sure reel glad two no.
Its vary polished in it's weigh.
My checker tolled me sew.
A checker is a bless sing,
It freeze yew lodes of thyme.
It helps me right awl stiles two reed,
And aides me when eye rime.
Each frays come posed up on my screen
Eye trussed too bee a joule.
The checker pours o'er every word
To cheque sum spelling rule.

Bee fore a veiling checker's
Hour spelling mite decline,
And if we're lacks oar have a laps,
We wood bee maid too wine.
Butt now bee cause my spelling
Is checked with such grate flare,
Their are know fault's with in my cite,
Of nun eye am a wear.
Now spelling does knot phase me,
It does knot bring a tier.
My pay purrs awl due glad den
With wrapped word's fare as hear.
To rite with care is quite a feet
Of witch won should bee proud,
And wee mused dew the best wee can,
Sew flaw's are knot aloud.
Sow ewe can sea why aye dew prays
Such soft wear four pea seas,
And why eye brake in two averse
Buy righting want too pleas.

A poem to illustrate changes in the
English language used at 'Have Your Say'